



## THIS WEEK IN AGRICULTURE

*News briefs from and about Idaho's agricultural industry*

**May 8-14 2005**

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### PUBLIC NOTICE

#### Opportunity to provide written submissions or documents

NOTICE: The Director of the Idaho State Department of Agriculture intends to issue a determination pursuant to Idaho Code § 22-4803(1) concerning economically viable alternatives to thermal disposal of crop residue. In accordance with the requirements of § 22-4803(1), the Director will determine whether economically viable alternatives exist to burning for the purpose of (1) disposing of crop residues, (2) developing physiological conditions conducive to increased crop yields, or (3) controlling diseases, insects, pests or weed infestations.

Written or electronic submissions of documents pertaining to the determination will be considered by the Director if received by 5:00 PM Mountain Standard Time, May 15, 2005. Any such items should be addressed or delivered to the attention of:

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## **MARKETING FUNDING ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE**

BOISE, Idaho - The Idaho State Department of Agriculture and the Western U.S. Agriculture Trade Association will be conducting a MAP Branded Program workshop on June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2005 in Pocatello, Idaho.

The Branded Program is a reimbursement funding program that supports the promotion of \*brand name food and non-food agricultural products in foreign markets. Made possible through funding from the USDA's Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS), the program provides participants with a 50% cost reimbursement for eligible marketing and promotional activities.

\*The term "Brand Name" is used loosely here. Companies promoting products via private label or bulk sales are often eligible.

At this seminar you will learn how to get your share of these funds for export promotion.

The workshop will be held at Idaho Farm Bureau Federation, 275 Tierra Vista Drive Pocatello, ID 83201.

*For more information please call Jerry Ward at (208) 332-8537.*

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## **THE IDAHO EXPORT COUNCIL PRESENTS 2005 WORLD TRADE DAY**

BOISE, Idaho-Realizing your Global Potential – Expanding beyond the U.S. Borders this year's World Trade Day is sponsored by the Idaho Export Council and TechHelp. World Trade Day serves as an interactive event, offering participants a venue to address questions to Idaho's international business leaders and to network with people involved in Idaho industry and government. Lieutenant Governor Jim Risch will present Export Award Certificates to Idaho companies recognized for their efforts to promote exports from Idaho. This year's program will focus on expanding your Global Potential, with speakers from the Idaho Department of Commerce, an International Trade Specialist in the Office of NAFTA, Idaho State Department of Agriculture, U.S. Small Business Administration, as well as local companies, Preco Electronics and MPC Computers. The half-day workshop begins at 8:00 AM, Friday, May 13, 2005 and concludes with an awards luncheon. To register prior to the event, please go to the following link, also you can register on the day of the event or contact Alfonso Castañeda at 208-724-9664

[https://www.idahosbdc.org/EventCalendar/default.asp?s=3&Event\\_ID=2453&page=Detail](https://www.idahosbdc.org/EventCalendar/default.asp?s=3&Event_ID=2453&page=Detail)

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World Trade Day partners include TechHelp, the offices of Senator Larry Craig, Senator Mike Crapo, Congressman Butch Otter, the Idaho Export Council, the U.S. Commercial Service, the Idaho Department of Commerce, Idaho State Department of Agriculture and the Small Business Development Council

*For more Information contact Alfonso Castañeda Chairman Idaho Export Council 208-724-9664*

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## **IDAHO STATE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE'S SPRING PESTICIDE DISPOSAL PROGRAM**

**Collections scheduled for north and southwest Idaho are safe, legal and free**

BOISE, Idaho – Agricultural producers, dealers, applicators and homeowners who are storing unusable pesticides will have a safe, legal and free opportunity to dispose of them this May when the Idaho State Department of Agriculture conducts unusable pesticide collections in Caldwell, Weiser, Lewiston and Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.

Participation is free for the first 1,000 pounds of unusable pesticides per participant. Anyone with unusable herbicides, insecticides, fungicides and rodenticides should bring them to the closest collection site between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. on the date and location listed below (Sorry no fertilizer, micronutrients, paint, solvents, equipment or motor oil can be accepted):

<u>Date</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>Location</u>
May 16, 2005	Caldwell	Canyon County Fairgrounds
May 17, 2005	Weiser	Idaho Department of Transportation Yard
May 18, 2005	Lewiston	Nez Perce County Fairgrounds
May 19, 2005	Coeur d'Alene	Coeur d'Alene Transfer Station

"These collections provide a mechanism for safely disposing of chemicals in an environmentally sound manner. The unusable pesticides collected in May will be incinerated or otherwise destroyed," said Victor Mason II, Manager of the Department's Pesticide Disposal and Container Recycling Programs.

Since 1993, the Idaho State Department of Agriculture has safely disposed of more than half a million pounds of unusable pesticides. Pesticides become unusable for many reasons, including loss of potency, exposure to temperature extremes, cancellation or suspension by state or federal authorities, or growers' decisions to change their cropping rotations or practices.

*For more information about the collections, or if you would like to speak with someone about the collections, please contact 208-465-8442.*

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## **JOHANN'S NAMES IDAHOAN DUANE GRANT TO USDA BIOTECHNOLOGY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

WASHINGTON, May 5, 2005 -- Agriculture Secretary Mike Johanns today announced the appointment of nine members to serve on the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Advisory Committee on Biotechnology and 21st Century Agriculture.

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"I am pleased that these individuals have agreed to serve on the Advisory Committee on Biotechnology and 21st Century Agriculture," said Johanns. "They bring a wide range of experience and perspectives to this committee."

Pat Takasugi, Director of the Idaho State Department of Agriculture is very pleased to see Duane Grant of Rupert, Idaho appointed to this committee. He stated, "Idaho and the wheat industry are very fortunate to have Duane providing guidance to USDA. It is people like him who can make a difference in the future of our farmers." He went on to add, "Biotechnology is a critical part of the development of the agriculture industry, and should be seen as a valuable tool in forwarding industries' production and the world's nutrition, making our planet a better place to live."

The appointed members are: Richard Crowder, President and Chief Executive Officer, American Seed Trade Association, in Alexandria, Virginia; Duane Grant, Farmer, in Rupert, Idaho; Robert Herdt, Adjunct International Professor of Applied Economics and Management, Cornell University, in Ithaca, New York; Josephine Hunt, Program Manager, Global Science and Regulatory Affairs, Kraft Foods, in Glenview, Illinois; Gregory Jaffe, Director, Biotechnology Project, Center for Science in the Public Interest, in Washington, D.C.; Patricia Layton, Professor, Department of Forestry and Natural Resources, Clemson University, in Clemson, South Carolina (AC21 Chair); Bradley Shurdut, Global Leader, Government Relations, Regulatory Affairs, and Science Policy, Dow AgroSciences LLC, in Washington, D.C.; Alison Van Eenennaam, Cooperative Extension Specialist, Department of Animal Science, University of California in Davis, California; and Lisa Zannoni, Director, Global Regulatory Affairs and Government Relations, BASF Corporation, in Research Triangle Park, North Carolina.

The Advisory Committee on Biotechnology and 21st Century Agriculture is comprised of 15 to 20 members who serve two year terms appointed by the Secretary of Agriculture who are knowledgeable in a range of areas relevant to the use of biotechnology in agriculture. The Committee meets three to four times annually in Washington, DC.

*For more information contact Michael Schechtman 202-720-3817 or Ed Loyd 2020-720-4623*

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## **ISDA MARKETING MONTH AT A GLANCE**

**May 12-13**

**World Trade Day – presented by the Idaho Export  
Council Boise Centre on the Grove- Boise, Idaho**

**May 14-28**

**Governor's Trade Mission To Asia-Japan, Korea, Taiwan, Shanghai and  
Beijing**

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**DIRECTOR TAKASUGI  
CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS**

**May 11-13                    Agricultural Bankers Conference Meetings in Sun Valley**

**May 14-28                    Governor's Trade Mission in Asia**

**Editor's Note: Please forward any press releases or information to  
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